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NOTES ON THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON 11 JANUARY 1951

1. A partial meeting of the IAC Standing Committee was held on 11 January at 10:00 o'clock at the Pentagon. Those present included Mr. Trueheart from State; Captain McCool from JIG; Colonel Howze from G-2; Captain Rodgers and Captain Malpass from ONI; Lieut. Colonel Marchant from A-2; and Messrs. Reber and [] from CIA. AEC and FBI were not represented.

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2. The discussion turned on the role, operation and continued existence of the Standing Committee. In conducting the meeting, Mr. Reber raised, for illustrative purposes, several of the problems which might be considered by the Standing Committee. In this connection there was peripheral discussion of the NIS Program, map coordination, serial number analysis, and requirements.

3. It was agreed that extensive coordination and contact need to be carried out among the IAC agencies. The means used depend upon the character of each job. There is first the Standing Committee, which has the three-fold advantage of providing in each agency a recognized point of contact on general administrative matters, in giving that contact a recognized position of authority within his own agency, and in providing a forum for the frank discussion of such matters. The second means is through individual contacts and liaison. The third is through various CIA offices and ad hoc committees created for particular problems.

4. It was agreed that the purpose of the Standing Committee is

to assist the IAC in its functions. While at the present time the IAC appears to be devoting most of its time to substantive papers it also has general administrative obligations and it is the special purpose of the Standing Committee to assist in these matters by recommending appropriate action to the IAC. It was agreed that the Standing Committee would confine its activities to matters of interagency coordination which transcend those handled by ad hoc committees, specialists, and individual liaison. If the Standing Committee does not perform these functions it has no reason for existence.

5. It was suggested that the Standing Committee prepare a list of its own functions for transmission to the IAC. Action: OIC/CIA will draft a list of Standing Committee functions and report that list back to the Standing Committee for its discussion at an early date.

6. With respect to Standing Committee operation, it was agreed that the Committee could and should operate as a partial committee as occasion demands. It was agreed also that it should prepare forthwith a list of the principal problems with which it might be confronted. Action: The members of the Standing Committee will each prepare a list of interagency problems regarded as important.

7. It was agreed that information on the organization and functions of the several IAC agencies, particularly CIA, should be made available to the members of the Standing Committee. Action: OIC/CIA will seek to make available to the other members of the Standing Committee information on the organization and functions of CIA. Corresponding information will be exchanged among all the members of the Standing Committee.